"The South 40"
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COUNTY AGENT

This week, we begin what we hope to be a weekly chat with you. Through this column we plan to bring you items of interest not only to farmers, but also to the homeowner and consumer. If you have an item of general interest, pass it along so we might include it.

The November 1 Corn Forecast — a national production of 3½ billion bushels. The total supply carry - over plus the new crop is the smallest since 1958. Nearly every Spring we are asked to look at a peach tree that has twisted leaves. This is known as Peach Leaf Curl. Now is the time to apply control measures. The leaf curl spores are lodged on twig and bud scales, therefore all buds must be covered. Use one-eighth pound of Perbam in three gallons of water.

Winter injury to evergreen ornamentals is usually caused by one or two things— severe cold or loss of moisture from shoots and branches. The loss of moisture is probably the most important, and occurs during periods of drying winds in brilliant winter sunshine. You can help prevent this by seeing that the soil is thoroughly soaked before freezing weather. Some homeowners have found that spraying the plants with a plastic spray helps reduce losses. The spray should be applied now and again in January. Newly planted shrubs may need protection from wind. A screen made of burlap can be very helpful.

Planning to winter some steers Well, be sure you meet their protein needs. Some livestock men over - do it. A 12 percent ration appears to be adequate. Some farmers have indicazed an interest in plowing down corn fertilizer in the fall or winter. Research studies are now being conducted to determine the extent to which this can be done. However, it is felt that on our heavier soils it's okay to plow down phosphate and potash at least 90 days before corn planting.

Dairy cattle owners need to take time to clip their cows. There are four good reasons for doing it: 1) reduces sediment; (2) lowers bacteria, (3) makes it easier to keep cows clean; 4) saves time when preparing the cows for milking.

In a few weeks, it will be lambing time. A four-year test at VPI show that ewes fed 40 percent above recommended feed levels, 8 to 12 weeks before lambing. Grain can be corn, wheat, barley, oats or a mixture of these grains.

Apples are in season with about 10 percent more production than last year. Production is expected to increase for the next five years due to the many young trees planted during the 1950's and 1960's.

Owners of small poultry flocks will receive through the mail this week, a questionaire concerning their flocks. Small flocks may be the principal carriers of avian tuberculosis. This is of particular importance if the farm also has hogs. 89 percent of tuberculosis in swine is caused by the infected chicken. At the bottom of week, a questionnaire concerning asked if you would like to have your birds tested at no cost to you. You are urged to have this done. This disease can be eradicated if everyone cooperates.

Earlier in the year we had a meeting and several articles appeared about soybeans. This is a crop that we believe has a lot of promise for Appomattox County. The forecast is for a 702 million bushel crop this year—27 percent above 1963. Mr. P. M. Irving, Pamplin, tells me that he had 4½ acres of the Hill Variety this year. They averaged between 20 and 25 bushels per acre. He said this was his best crop in several years. He feels that his yield would have been at least 25 bushels all the way around if groundhogs hadn't destroyed them in a number of places.

Piney Ridge

"He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy." Titus 3:5.

Mr. Jesse Baldwin, of Kearney, Nebraska, recently visited here with his relatives and friends. A picnic lunch was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bushey. Mr. and Mrs. Claud Baldwin, Mrs. Pearl Rand, Mr. Irving Bushey, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baldwin were present at the picnic lunch.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Pearl Rand has returned from the hospital and is getting along much better.

Mr. Ed Cumby is on the sick list and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Those visiting Mrs. Clara Cumby and son, Ed, were Mr. and Mrs. Doug Jennings, Mr. Mark Hipps and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cumby.

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Mary Sizemore on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Arrington and three children, Clinton, Audrey and Linwood, of Powhatan.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Fred Mathis is feeling alot better.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Bushey were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bushey and three daughters, Hazil, Gloria and Pamelia, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baldwin.

Callers in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tolley were Mr and Mrs. Jesse Millner and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Bushey and three daughters, all of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tolley, of Farmville, Mrs. Eva Guill and daughter, Sharon Kay of Appomattox, and Mrs. Patsy Chermault and two daughters, Terri and Tammy, of Prospect.

Mr. Ray Roberts visited his mother in the Sizemore Convescent Home.

The Piney Pamplin, Evergreen MYF will present a Candlelight Service in each church for Christmas. It will be held at Piney Ridge on the second Sunday, December 13; at Evergreen on the third Sunday, December 20, and at Pamplin on the fourth Sunday, December 27. Each service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

On December 23, the M.Y.F. will go Christmas Carolling in each community.

Evergreen received the M.Y.F Banner for having the largest percentage of attendance for October. The banner was presented to Mrs. Gordon Staples, councilor, Sunday night at the regular meeting of the M.Y.F.

Mrs. N. Jennings, of Appomattox, presented us our program for the evening.

Elementary Menu

Monday, Nov. 23 — Ham biscuits, 1 slice cheese, string beans, whipped potatoes, pineapple tidbits with cookie, ½ pt. milk.

Tues., Nov. 24 — Chili-Con-Carne with hot corn bread and butter, mixed greens, hot buttered beets with vinegar and sugar, apple sauce or sliced peaches , ½ pt. milk.

Wed., Nov. 25 – Sliced turkey with dressing and gravy, Cranberry sauce, sweet potato pudding, succotash, hot yeast bread with butter, ice cream, ½ pt. milk.

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Hixburg

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fore were Sunday luncheon guests of Mr. R. H. Gray at the Hotel Weyenoke.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fore, Jr. and family, of Farmville, were Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. Fore's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fore.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hix honored Mrs. Hix' mother, Mrs. R. H. Oliver with a surprise birthday dinner on Sund a y. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Moon, Mr. W. A. Moon, and Miss Margaret Moon, all of Appomattox. Also, Mrs. George Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Staten and daughter, Wanda, all of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Oliver and family, of Richmond, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hix on Sunday.

Thanksgiving Legal Holiday At Postoffice

Thursday, November 26, shall be observed as a legal holiday at all postal installations. There will be no deliveries by rural carriers and no window service will be provided on that day.

Special delivery mail will be delivered.

Pictured above are some of the students enrolled in vocational agriculture at Appomattox High School raking a fireline as part of their training in fighting forest fires. Students included in this demonstration were (left to right) Dwight Paulette, Wayne McCormick, Charles Wilkerson, David Crews, Warren Drinkard, Mike Lucado, James Maxwell, and Cecil Nash.

Vo-Ag Boys Train To Fight Fires

Students of vocational agriculture at Appomattox High School have received training to fight forest fires. Special classes in fire fighting were taught by personnel of the Virginia Forest Service.

David Smith, chief fire warden Donald Drake, forester for Appomattox and Prince Edward counties, presented the fire fighting instruction to the vocational agriculture students. The course covered the use of fire fighting equipment, proper methods of controlling fires, fire fighting procedures, and fire crew organization. A practice demonstration in raking a fire line was made by the students under the supervision of Mr. Smith and Mr Drake.

"We hope that you will never have an opportunity to fight a fire, but if conditions warrant your use, we will be glad to have such a well trained crew as you with us", stated Donald Drake as he summarized the training of the vocational agriculture students.

These students fire fighting crews are better known as "Keep Virginia Green" or KVG crews, which were first organized during World War II. The keen interest and excellent work of the vocational agriculture crews have made them a part of the Virginia Forest Service emergency fire fighting organization.

Beofre a student is enrolled in a KVG crew he must be at least 15 years of age, have completed the reuired training in fighting forest fires, have his parent's consent, and the recommendation of his instructor of vocational agriculture.

The vo-ag students at Appomattox High School are divided into four crews with 11 members each. Crew leaders this year are Eugene Shirey, Kenneth Goin, Bobby Bollinger and Larry Doss.

County Line

Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Mann and Carroll spent the wek end in Baltimore, Md. with Mrs. Bessie Chewning and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Cook and family.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Nash and Mr. W. T. Nash over the week end were Miss Brenda Nash, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Reynolds, of Spout Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Waddell and family, of Rustburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Layne and family, of Pamplin, visited Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Mann and son Sunday night.

Mrs. Arthur Mullins and Andy and Mrs. Nelson Mann and Keith visited Mrs. Elliott Nash Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Brenda and Yuonne Nash visited Linda Nash Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Merchant, of Maryland, and Miss Joyce Irby, of Washington, spent part of last week with Mrs. Gracie Irby and Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Irby, Jr.

Mrs. Walter Jordan and Mrs. Evelyn Torrence visited Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Jones and Hilda Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Rosser Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ayer and baby visited relatives in Radford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Irby, Jr., Mrs. Gracie Irby, Mrs. Anna Merchant and Miss Joyce Irby were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Irby, of Appomattox Saturday night.

Mr. Edd Elder, Otis, Jim and Lacy Elder were supper guests of Mrs. Gracie Irby Wednesday night.

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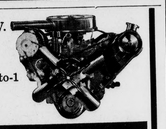

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